

24. (Twice Amended) The anchor of claim 1 wherein said
D2 [element of said anchor includes one of a detent and a recess
which axially interlocks with a matching recess or detent,
respectively, of the corresponding driver element] recess
includes an opening in said proximal region of said anchor or in
4 said driver, as the case may be.

31. (Twice Amended) An anchor and driver assembly
comprising: 13

an anchor member including an elongated body having a
proximal region terminating in a proximal end, and a distal
region terminating in a distal end configured for insertion into
a hole in a bone;

a driver member having a handle member and a shaft
member, said shaft member having a drive element at its distal
end;

D3 said proximal region[, for releasably engaging said
driver] of said anchor member including an element configured for
positive axial interengagement with said [driver] drive element
for insertion of said anchor into the hole by said driver member,
said element of said anchor member including one of a protrusion
or a recess which axially interlocks with a corresponding recess
or protrusion, respectively, of said drive element;

at least one ridge, disposed on an exterior surface of
said body, for engaging the bone after insertion to resist
withdrawal of said anchor member; and

a suture mount carried by said elongated body.

9 43. (Amended) The anchor of claim 1 wherein said element of said proximal region of said anchor is configured to provide a snap fit with the corresponding element of the driver.

10 44. (Amended) The anchor of claim 43 wherein said element of said proximal region of said anchor is further configured so that the snap fit is sufficiently strong to allow said anchor to be removed from the bone hole after insertion.

D4 11 45. (Amended) The anchor of claim 1 wherein said element of said proximal region of said anchor comprises a projection on said elongated body and the element of the driver includes a recess that receives said projection to provide the positive axial interengagement.

12 46. (Amended) The anchor of claim 1 wherein said element of said proximal region of said anchor comprises a recess on said elongated body and the element of the driver includes a projection which is received in the recess to provide the positive axial interengagement.

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Shai for the helpful and courteous telephone interview held with applicants' attorney today.

Claims 1 and 31 have been amended as discussed in the interview, and some of the dependent claims have been amended for consistency with amended claims 1 and 31.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request this action. Applicants invite Examiner Shai to call the undersigned attorney if the